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E. O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EAID, OCO N, AC
SUBJ: PREMIER WALTER SEEKS APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY

1. ANTIGUA PREMIER GEORGE WALTER, USING THE GOOD OFFICES OF ONE ROSS H. CHAMBERLAIN OF FALMOUTH, ANTIGUA, HAS EX-PRESSED AN INTEREST IN ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY. THIS INTEREST WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION VIA A MARCH 15 LETTER TO UNDERSECRETARY CASEY FROM FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DAVID PACKARD, WHO APPARENTLY WAS BY CHAMBERLAIN TO PASS THE REQUEST ALONG TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

2. IN A " TO- WHOM- IT- MAY- CONCERN" TYPE LETTER DATED FEB. 24,
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WALTER WROTE THAT HE HAD " ... AUTHORIZED MR. ROSS H.

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CHAMBERLAIN TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT FOR ME TO HOLD DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH MR. WILLIAM ROGERS- SECRETARY OF STATE-
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS LETTER IS NOT MEANT TO
BY- PASS THE PROPER DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THAT SHOULD BE USED,
BUT IS CAUSED THROUGH A MATTER OF EXPEDIENCY." EXPANDING
ON THIS, MR. PACKARD IN HIS LETTER TO UNDERSECREATRY CASEY
SAID THAT WALTER IS " APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN SOME HELP
WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

3. FOLLOWING BRIEF OUTLINE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
SITUATION IN ANTIGUA AND OUR VIEW THAT THE UK HAS PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA, AS
WELL AS OUR POLICY OF PROVIDING AID THROUGH REGIONAL
INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE CDB RATHER THAN BILATERALLY, WE
INFORMED PACKARD THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ARRANGE
APPOINTMENTS FOR WALTER WITH " APPROPRIATE" DEPT. OFFICIALS,
ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE FORTHCOMING IF IN FACT
THE PREMIER WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN ACCESS TO DIRECT US
BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THE DESIREABILITY
WALTER EXPLORING THIS ENTIRE MATTER WITH THE AMBASSADOR
IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

4. COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BEING POUCHED. ROGERS

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